

What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit – Part 1

John 14: Jesus teaching to His disciples on the Holy Spirit:

- Jesus know more about the Holy Spirit than anyone else:
 - His birth was prophesied by the Holy Spirit
 - He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus was baptized and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
 - Cast out demons and ministered healing by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Heb. 9:14 when Jesus was crucified; He was crucified by the power of the Holy Spirit – “...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God...”
 - Rom 8:11 when Jesus was raised from the dead; He was raised by the power of the Holy Spirit – “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”
 - John 20:22 when the resurrected Jesus appeared to His disciples, He said “Receive the Holy Spirit.”
 - Acts 2:1-4 when Jesus returned to Heaven, He poured the Holy Spirit out upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.
 - Jesus continued to communicate with His church through the Holy Spirit.

From the beginning to the end, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are connected.

- Wherever you see Jesus working, you see the Holy Spirit.
- Wherever you see the Holy Spirit working, you see Jesus magnified.
- They are inseparable.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus has gathered His disciples together before His crucifixion to speak to them of His departure to the Father’s glory and what will happen afterwards.

- John 13- 17 all happen in the same event in the same upper room.

John 14 records Jesus’ last words to His disciples:

- Last words are the most important words that are spoken from a person.
- Jesus uses this time together to speak to them about the coming ministry of the Holy Spirit.

1. John 14:16 “I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another** Helper/Comforter that He may abide with you forever.

- “**Another**” = Grk. = 1. heteros – “heterosexual – meaning “one of a different/opposite kind.” It always describes another of a different kind. If Jesus had of used this word “heteros”, it would have meant He was saying, “I’m going to ask the Father to send another comforter of a different kind.”

He won't be anything like ME, completely different.

2. The word Jesus used for another is ***allos*** – “Another of the very same kind.”
The Father will send Another Comforter who acts like Me, talks like Me, thinks like Me, behaves like Me.
When you have the Holy Spirit, it will be like you still have Me because He and I are identical in every way.
What I say, He will say, what I do, HE will do.
When you have the Holy Spirit – you will still have Me – Jesus.

Believers today say: “O it would have been so wonderful to have lived when Jesus was on the earth and to have witnessed His ministry.
This verse tells us that if we are walking with the Holy Spirit, we are walking with Jesus in today's world.
Because the Holy Spirit is just like Jesus in every way.

2. John 14:16 “I will pray the Father and He will give you another **Comforter/Helper** that He may abide with you forever.”

- **Comforter** – appears in this teaching from Jesus four times. John 14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7
 - Why? Jesus repeats the emphasis on the Holy Spirit to drive it into the heart of His believers that when the Holy Spirit comes; **He will be a Comforter.**
 - Comfort = means different things in different situations.
 - What did Jesus mean?
 - Grk. Word is **Paracletos**, compound of Para & Keleo –
 - **Para** – “**Alongside.**” The alongside ministry of the Holy Spirit like a partner. He is close all the time.
 - **Kaleo** – “To call or to beckon.” When the Holy Spirit comes alongside of us, He will speak, call, and beckon to us.
It also tells us the Holy Spirit, Himself, has a calling – He is called to be alongside of us.
His purpose in this world is to be PARA – alongside of us.

When you compound these words Para & Keleo together they are used in a very specific way to describe: “An Advisor, a Counselor, a Coach.”

Para – He is alongside of us.

Kaleo – He is calling out to us, beckoning us or coaching us with the right Instructions.

- A Coach coaches you – he doesn't hit the ball, run the bases, catch for you. He teaches you how to do those things. He doesn't play on your behalf. He advises and counsels you how to play the game.

A vocal coach doesn't sing the song for a singer; but instructs them on breathing, projecting, pushing from the diaphragm.

They don't do the singing for you, but coach you on how to do it.

Likewise, when the Holy Spirit comes, He will not do everything for us; but will coach or instruct, advise us on what and how we should do.

Jesus Himself had been a Comforter to His disciples for three years:

- An Advisor, a Comforter, a Coach,
- For three years, He told them how to pray, preach, cast out demons, heal the sick.
- He didn't do it for them, but did it with them to instruct.
- Now the Holy Spirit is given to us, His disciples to do the same works of the Kingdom of God that they did with Him on earth.

Now – Everything that I've advised you for three years, taught, coached, beckoned, advised you; the Holy Spirit is going to be Another Comforter for you.

In the same way I've been – PARA – alongside of you, now the Holy Spirit is with and in you to do the same.

Alongside of us – He is speaking to us!

- Telling us what to do, when to speak, when to be quiet, what to say, what to do, how to pray.
- If we will listen, the Holy Spirit is speaking to coach us, guide us, in the same identical way that Jesus was coaching and advising His disciples.

How do you get this working in your life? – that is the most important question!

The Holy Spirit will have no effect in your life unless you are open to a **relationship** with Him.

- You have to be open to His voice speaking to you – **Receptivity**.
- He is a **person** of the Trinity, not an “it” or a celestial power source.
- You have to be willing to follow His instructions and be bold enough to do what He says.

Acts 5:32 “We are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Most people are afraid to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit! WHY?

- Because they can't see Him
- Afraid they might misunderstand Him – they will make a mistake.

If Jesus Himself walked into the room and you could see Jesus and were sure, it was really Him – you would do anything He told you to do. Because it was Jesus speaking to you.

But now, Jesus is telling us to do whatever the Holy Spirit says to do, because He is just like me – Another.

- Just like you would obey Me, obey Him.
- You have to develop a relationship of **TRUST** with Him.

John 14, 15, 16 Jesus refers [three times] to the Holy Spirit as the **Spirit of TRUTH**.

Why? Jesus was driving this to the heart of His followers that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

- You can have trust and confidence in the Holy Spirit because He will never mislead, misguide you.
- He is not the spirit of deception or error – but of TRUTH.
- Even though they and we cannot see the Holy Spirit, we can trust Him as the Spirit of Truth.

It is a process of learning to hear Him.

He will never tell you to do something wrong, anti-Bible.

He is the Comforter sent to advise, guide you in every area of life, not just the spiritual things.

3. John 14:16,17 “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees **Him** not, neither knows **Him**; but you shall know **Him**; for **He** dwells with you, and shall be in your.”

Jesus uses a personal pronoun to describe Holy Spirit: He, Him, Him, Him, He.

- He is not referred to as The Anointing.
- You cannot have a relationship with an “it” or goosebumps or a feeling.
- You can only have a relationship & partnership with a person.
- Jesus describes Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Godhead.
- We have to relate to Holy Spirit as we would relate to a Person, not a force or mysterious power.
- A true relationship is not based on feelings. Wife to husband and vice versa, yes, there may be some goosebumps; but the relationship is based on commitment – relationship with a person.

If you never have shivers or goosebumps, you still have a relationship with a person

built on a covenant, relationship.

When you don't feel the power of the Holy Spirit, and there are times when you won't; it doesn't mean HE left – He is still there in relationship with you.

Regardless of your feelings, He is committed to you in a relationship.

He is **Para** = “Alongside of you all the time as a Comforter and Counselor, Coach, Guide- regardless of what you feel, He is there.”

He is **Kaleo** = “He is speaking to you, Beckoning, calling out to you.

John 16:13, 14 “When **He**, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He** will guide you into all truth: for **He** shall not speak of **Himself**; but whatsoever **He** shall hear, that shall **He** speak; and **He** will show you things to come. **He** shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it to you.”

Jesus words, His last words; were telling us to open our hearts to Holy Spirit:

- Not just to an anointing.
- Not just to goosebumps, shivers, or other feelings.
- We need to talk and fellowship with the Holy Spirit like the Real and Divine Person who has come into our lives because of our relationship with Jesus as Lord.

[Next, we will talk about How to be led by the Holy Spirit] **NOT FOR SLIDE NOTES.**